

Dr. Elisabeth Röhrlich: Curriculum Vitae

Associate Professor

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<i>Education</i>	University of Tübingen, Dr. phil.	2005–2009
	Contemporary History	
	University of Tübingen, M.A.	1999–2005
	Modern History and Contemporary History; German Literature	
<i>Appointments</i>	Associate Professor with Tenure	2022–
	University of Vienna, Department of History	
	Tenure-Track Professorship	2017–2022
	History of International Governance University of Vienna, Department of History	
	Elise-Richter-Senior Postdoc	2015–2017
	University of Vienna, Department of History	
	Fellow	2015–2016
	Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C. (on leave from the University of Vienna)	
	Researcher and Lecturer	2011–2015
	University of Vienna, Department of Contemporary History and “Verein zur wissenschaftlichen Aufarbeitung der Zeitgeschichte”	
	Researcher	2008–2011
	Democracy Center Vienna Demokratiezentrum Wien	
<i>Awards, Fellowships, and Honors</i>	RWTH Aachen University	2024–2025
	Senior Research Fellow, Käte Hamburger Kolleg “Cultures of Research,” Center for Advanced Studies (10 selected from 114 international applications)	
	Förderungspreis der Stadt Wien	2017
	Research prize of the City of Vienna for researchers under the age of forty	

<i>Awards, Fellowships cont.</i>	Woodrow Wilson Center Global Scholar	2016–2018
	Non-resident position, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington D.C., by personal invitation	
	Elise Richter Senior Post-Doc-Fellowship	2015–2017
	Austrian Science Fund (FWF)	
	APART-Fellowship	(2015–2017)
	Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW), declined	
	Fellow	(2015–2016)
	Berlin Center for Cold War Studies, declined	
	Woodrow Wilson Center Fellow	2015–2016
	Member of the annual fellowship class (19 selected from 280 international applications)	
	Fellow	2015
	Non-resident position, Norwegian Institute for Defense Studies, Oslo	
<i>Editorial Positions</i>	SHAFR Global Scholar	2014
	Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations	
	Guest Researcher	9–11/2013
	Monash University Campus, Johannesburg, South Africa, by invitation	
	Short-term Visiting Fellow	7/2011
	German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C.	
	Bruno-Kreisky-Preis für das politische Buch	2009
	Book prize (recognition award)	
	Doctoral Fellowship	2005–2008
	Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes	
	Stipend	2003–2005
	Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes	
	Review Editor	2022–
	H-Diplo	
	Board of Advisors	2018–
	<i>Rowman & Littlefield Publishers / Bloomsbury Academic</i>	
	Weapons of Mass Destruction and Emerging Technologies Book Series	
	Review Committee	2017–
	<i>zeitgeschichte</i>	
	Associate Editor	2016–2022
	Robert Jervis International Security Studies Forum	

Refereeing	Academic presses: Cambridge University Press; Stanford University Press; Oxford University Press; Routledge; Berghahn Books	
	Funding agencies: Schweizer Nationalfonds (SNF); Dutch Research Council; Jubiläumsfonds der Oesterreichischen Nationalbank	
	Academic journals: <i>Journal of Contemporary History</i> ; <i>International Security</i> ; <i>Journal of Strategic Studies</i> ; <i>Diplomacy and Statecraft</i> ; <i>British Journal for the History of Science</i> ; <i>Historical Studies in Natural Sciences</i> ; <i>Cahiers du Monde Russe</i> ; <i>NTM Journal of History of Science, Technology, and Medicine</i> ; <i>Cold War History</i> ; <i>Berichte zur Wissenschaftsgeschichte</i> ; <i>Journal of Global History</i> .	
Professional Service	Vice Dean Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies, University of Vienna	2023–
	Co-Speaker “Forschungsschwerpunkt Globalgeschichte” (Global History Research Program) at the Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies at the University of Vienna	2017–2022
	Representative Gender equality committee at the University of Vienna (<i>Arbeitskreis für Gleichbehandlungsfragen</i>)	2017–2023
Main Third-party Funding	European Commission, Horizon Program, 2024– Principal Investigator (MSCA postdoctoral researcher: Se Young Jang), “The IAEA and the two Koreas” (score 98/100)	249.300€
	Botstiber Institute for Austrian American Studies (BIAAS), 2022 Co-Principal Investigator “Divided Together: International Organizations and the Cold War”	\$12,250
	Austrian Science Fund (FWF), 2015–2018 Principal Investigator Elise-Richter Program for Female Senior Postdocs “The Creation of the International Atomic Energy Agency” (completed already in 2017)	323.100€
	Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW), 2015–2017 Principal Investigator APART Postdoc Fellowship	(Full salary for three years plus

“The Creation of the International Atomic Energy Agency” (incompatible with Elise-Richter Fellowship, declined)	research budget)
Carnegie Corporation of New York, 2014–2015 Principal Investigator IAEA Oral History Video Project	\$40.750
Austrian Central Bank Jubiläumsfonds der Oesterreichischen Nationalbank, 2014–2016 Principal Investigator “Nuclear Memories: Reflecting on the History of the IAEA”	95.000€

Faculty Member of International Summer and Winter Schools

Kyungnam University, Seoul: 2016 and 2018

Asia-Pacific Nuclear History Institute

Roma Tre University, Italy: 2013, 2015, and 2017

Nuclear History Boot Camp: The International History of the Nuclear Age: Proliferation, Arms Control and Strategy, 1945–2015

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C., 2016

The Washington Summer Institute on Conducting Archival Research (SICAR)

University of Vienna and London School of Economics and Political Science, 2016

European Summer School on Cold War History

Augsburg University, University of Vienna, Roma Tre University, Sorbonne Nouvelle, and ELTE Budapest, 2013 and 2014

Erasmus Intensive Programs: Atomic Energy, the Threat of Nuclear Warfare, and the History of European Integration

Publications

Research Monographs

[2] *Inspectors for Peace: A History of the International Atomic Energy Agency* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2022) 344 pages.

Reviews (as of October 2025): *Technology and Culture*; *Peace and Change*; *Cold War History*; *Vereinte Nationen – Zeitschrift für die Vereinten Nationen und ihre Sonderorganisationen*; *IAEA ECHO*; *Survival*; *Arms Control Today*; *Zeitschrift für öffentliches Recht und Völkerrecht*; *Modern Diplomacy*; *aipolicyperspectives*; *H-Environment*; *H-Diplo* book roundtable; *Toynbee Prize Foundation Blog*; *Centaurus: Journal of the European Society for the History of Science*.

Book Talks: Princeton University; University of Stockholm; University of Oslo; International Atomic Energy Agency; Academic Council on the United Nations Geneva; Universität Innsbruck; Vienna Center for Non-proliferation and Disarmament (VCDNP); Österreichische Gesellschaft für Außenpolitik und die Vereinten Nationen; Maastricht University.

[1] *Kreiskys Außenpolitik: Zwischen österreichischer Identität und internationalem Programm* (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck und Ruprecht/Vienna University Press, 2009) 436 pages.

Winner of the Bruno Kreisky Book Prize (*Bruno Kreisky Anerkennungspreis für das politische Buch*)

Edited Volumes and Special Issues

[5] with Martin Senn (eds.), “Special Issue: Zustand und Zukunft der österreichischen Neutralität” *Österreichische Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft* (2024), <https://www.oezp.at/OEZP/issue/view/356>.

[4] with Sandrine Kott und Eva-Maria Muschik (eds.), *International Organizations and the Cold War: Competition, Cooperation, and Convergence* (Bloomsbury Academic, 2025).

[3] (ed.) *Migration und Innovation: Neue Perspektiven auf das Wien der Jahrhundertwende* (Vienna: Böhlau, 2016).

[2] with Lucile Dreidemy, Richard Hufschmid et al. (eds.), *Bananen, Cola, Zeitgeschichte: Der Historiker Oliver Rathkolb und das lange 20. Jahrhundert* (Vienna: Böhlau, 2015).

[1] (ed.) *Nuclear Modernity and Western Societies: From the Creation of Euratom to the Three Mile Island Accident*, special issue of *zeitgeschichte* 5 (2015).

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

[27] “The Creation and Evolution of the International Atomic Energy Agency,” in Leopoldo Nuti and Christian Ostermann (eds.), *The Cambridge History of the Nuclear Age* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, accepted—forthcoming 2026).

[26] “Why is the nuclear-AI analogy so popular?” *Nature Reviews Physics* (September 2025), <https://doi.org/10.1038/s42254-025-00873-x>.

[25] with Sarah Knoll, “Das neutrale Österreich als Satz internationaler Organisationen: Entstehung und Verselbständigung politischer Narrative,” in Martin Senn and Jodok Troy (eds.), *Österreichs Neutralität: Recht, Politik und Gesellschaft – Eine Debatte* (Bielefeld: Transcript 2025): 257–268. [updated version of 22]

[24] with Sandrine Kott und Eva-Maria Muschik, “Introduction: International Organizations and the Cold War,” in Kott, Muschik, and Roehrlich

(eds.), *International Organizations and the Cold War: Competition, Cooperation, and Convergence* (London: Bloomsbury, 2025), 3–12, <http://dx.doi.org/10.5040/9781350423985.ch-1>.

[23] with Simon Graham, “Intelligence Operations and Nuclear Diplomacy in Cold War Vienna: The Case of Stasi Espionage Against the International Atomic Energy Agency,” in Kott, Muschik, and Roehrlich (eds.), *International Organizations and the Cold War: Competition, Cooperation, and Convergence* (London: Bloomsbury, 2025), 67–82, <http://dx.doi.org/10.5040/9781350423985.ch-5>.

[22] with Sarah Knoll, “Das neutrale Österreich als Satz internationaler Organisationen: Entstehung und Verselbständigung politischer Narrative,” in Elisabeth Röhrlich and Martin Senn (eds.), “Zustand und Zukunft der österreichischen Neutralität” *Österreichische Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft* 53 (2024).

[21] “Zeitgeschichte und internationale Geschichte” in Dirk Rupnow and Markus Gräser (eds.), *Österreichische Zeitgeschichte, Zeitgeschichte in Österreich: Eine Standortbestimmung in Zeiten des Umbruchs* (Vienna: Böhlau, 2021), 783–797, <https://doi.org/10.7767/9783205209980.783>.

[20] “Ein Eid auf die Welt: Amt, Loyalität und Politik vom Völkerbund zu den Anfängen der Vereinten Nationen” in Hervé Bismuth and Fritz Taubert (eds.), *La Question Du Serment* (Vienna/Bern: Peter Lang, 2020), 171–191.

[19] “An Attitude of Caution: The IAEA, the United Nations, and the 1958 Pugwash Conference in Austria.” *Journal of Cold War Studies* 1 (2018): 31–57. https://doi.org/10.1162/jcws_a_00800.

[18] “Negotiating Verification: International Diplomacy and the Evolution of Nuclear Safeguards, 1945–1972.” *Diplomacy and Statecraft* 1 (2018): 29–50. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09592296.2017.1420520>.

[17] “Talking History: Ten Lessons for Running an Oral History Project,” *The Federalist* (spring 2018): 5–6.

[16b] with Maria Wirth, “For a Modern Austria: The Kreisky Era, 1970–1983,” in Heinz Fischer, Andreas Huber, and Stephan Neuhäuser (eds.), *The Republic of Austria, 1918–2018: Milestones and Turning Points* (Vienna: Czernin, 2018), 161–171 (translation of [16a]).

[16a] with Maria Wirth, “Für ein modernes Österreich: Die Ära Kreisky (1970–1983)” in Heinz Fischer, Andreas Huber, and Stephan Neuhäuser (eds.), *100 Jahre Republik: Meilensteine und Wendepunkte, 1918–2018* (Czernin 2018), 190–202.

[15] with Maximilian Graf, “Von der Diplomatiegeschichte zur International History: Das Institut für Zeitgeschichte und die internationalen Beziehungen” in Bertrand Perz and Ina Markova (eds.), *50 Jahre Institut für*

Zeitgeschichte der Universität Wien, 1966–2016 (Vienna: New Academic Press, 2017), 350–370.

[14] “Die Gründung der International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Wien: Österreich, die atomare Herausforderung und der Kalte Krieg” in Wolfgang L. Reiter, Juliane Mikoletzky, Herbert Matis, and Mitchell Ash (eds.), *Wissenschaft, Technologie und industrielle Entwicklung in Zentraleuropa im Kalten Krieg* (Vienna: LIT Verlag, 2017), 339–368.

[13] “The Cold War, the Developing World, and the Creation of the International Atomic Energy Agency, 1953–1957.” *Cold War History* 2 (2016): 195–212. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14682745.2015.1129607>.

[12] “Migration als Motor für Innovation in Wissenschaft und Kultur” in Elisabeth Röhrlich (ed.), *Migration und Innovation: Neue Perspektiven auf das Wien der Jahrhundertwende* (Vienna: Böhlau, 2016), 9–22.

[11] “Writing Nuclear History in Austria: An Introduction,” *zeitgeschichte* 5 (2015): 275–284.

[10] “To Make the End Time Endless: Günther Anders’ Fight against Nuclear Weapons,” in Günter Bischof, Jason Dawsey, and Bernhard Fetz (eds.), *The Life and Work of Günther Anders: Émigré, Iconoclast, Philosopher, Man of Letters* (Innsbruck: Studienverlag, 2014), 45–58.

[9] “Die Moderne bauen: Deutsche, österreichische und amerikanische Experten in der frühen türkischen Republik (1923–1952)” in Reiner Arntz, Michael Gehler, and Mehmet Tahir Öncü (eds.), *Die Türkei, der deutsche Sprachraum und Europa: Multidisziplinäre Annäherungen und Zugänge* (Vienna: Böhlau, 2014), 143–160.

[8] “Eisenhower’s Atoms for Peace: The Speech that Inspired the Creation of the IAEA,” *IAEA Bulletin* 54 (2013): 3–4.

[7] “A Century in a Lifetime: Biographical Approaches to Bruno Kreisky,” *Contemporary Austrian Studies* 2012: 147–163.

[6] “‘Bilder vom Anderen.’ Zur Darstellung von Türken und Türkinnen in österreichischen Medien” in M. Murat Erdoğan (ed.), *Yurtdışındaki Türkler: 50. Yılında Göç ve Uyum* (edited volume in English, German, and Turkish) (Ankara: Hacettepe University, 2012), 645–652.

[5] “Identität und Politik. Biographische Zugänge zu Bruno Kreisky” in Lucile Dreidemy, Linda Erker, Klaudija Sabo, and Alexander Salzmann (eds.), *Update! Perspektiven der Zeitgeschichte: Zeitgeschichtetag 2012* (Innsbruck: Studienverlag, 2012): 69–75.

[4a] “Sechs Österreich und ein Leben: Biographische Zugänge zu Bruno Kreiskys Außenpolitik.” *zeitgeschichte* 3 (2010): 176–18.

[4b] “Sechs Österreich und ein Leben: Biographische Zugänge zu Bruno Kreiskys Außenpolitik.” *BIOS: Zeitschrift für Biographieforschung, Oral History und Lebensverlaufanalysen* 2010: 197–206 (reprint of [4a]).

[3] “Halbmond, Kopftuch, Minarette: Zur Darstellung von TürkInnen im österreichischen Mediendiskurs” in Gertraud Diendorfer, Angelika Rieber, and Béatrice Ziegler (eds.), *Konzepte und Kontroversen: Einwanderungsgesellschaften und kulturelle Vielfalt* (Innsbruck: Studienverlag, 2010), 21-32.

[2] “Europe as Contrasting Image: Constructing the European Self Out of Images of the Turkish ‘Other’” in Benjamin Drechsel and Claus Leggewie (eds.), *United in Visual Diversity: Images and Counter-Images of Europe* (Innsbruck: Studienverlag, 2010), 157–167.

[1] “Donauweisen und Arbeiterlieder: Zur österreichischen Kulturpolitik im schwedischen Exil.” *Exil 1933-1945: Forschung, Erkenntnisse, Ergebnisse* 1 (2008): 47–58.

**Selected
Online
Publications**

“The International Atomic Energy Agency” *Routledge Resources Online: The Cold War*, edited by Ruud van Dijk, 2025, <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780367199838-RECW8-1>.

E. Röhrlich, “Can nuclear history serve as a laboratory for the regulation of artificial intelligence?” (Käte Hamburger Kolleg c/o/re RWTH Aachen University blog), <https://khk.rwth-aachen.de/can-nuclear-history-serve-as-a-laboratory-for-the-regulation-of-artificial-intelligence/>

H-Diplo/ISSF Forum 22 on “Aspects of the Nuclear Order in the 1970s” (contributor), 13 July 2019, <https://issforum.org/to/Forum22>

Policy-Roundtable: The New Austrian Government and the Rise of the Far-Right in Europe, organizer, ISSF/H-Diplo, 21 January 2018, <https://issforum.org/roundtables/policy/2-3-Austria>

“The State of the Field of UN History,” invited essay for H-Diplo: State of the Field Essay on the History of the United Nations and its Organizations, 20 April 2018: <https://networks.h-net.org/pdf-h-diplo-essay-153-state-field-essay-history-united-nations-and-its-organizations>

International Organizations during the Cold War, Blogpost on *Methods and Sources* (Wilson Center blog), 23 February 2017: <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/blog-post/international-organizations-during-the-cold-war>

Article Review Forum 68 on Nonproliferation (contributor), ISSF/H-Diplo, 6 February 2017, <https://issforum.org/articlereviews/68-nonproliferation>

Policy Roundtable 1-3 on the International Atomic Energy Agency Statute at Sixty (organizer and contributor), ISSF/H-Diplo, 19 November 2016, <https://issforum.org/roundtables/policy/1-3-IAEA>

H-Diplo/ISSF Review Forum 22 on “Aspects of the Nuclear Order in the 1970s” (reviewer), 13 July 2019, <https://issforum.org/to/Forum22>

Review on Matthew Grant, *After the Bomb: Civil Defense and Nuclear War in Britain, 1945-1968*, *sehepunkte* 12 (6/2012), 15 June 2012, <http://www.sehepunkte.de/2012/06/18713.html>

Review on Friedrich Bauer/Enrico Seewald, Bruno Kreisky in Ost-Berlin 1978: Ein Besuch der besonderen Art, *sehepunkte* (11/2011), 15 September 2011, <http://www.sehepunkte.de/2011/09/19696.html>

Online Archive

IAEA History Research Project, Oral History Series:
<https://iaea-history.univie.ac.at/oral-history-videos/>

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